

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A welded profile for fitting a digger with a backhoe bucket or a loading shovel, said welded profile comprising:
 - an upper flange and a lower flange;
 - sidewalls operatively connected to the upper flange and lower flange; and
 - upper corner regions and lower corner regions, having reinforced profiles, between the upper flange and the sidewalls and between the lower flange and the sidewalls, respectively;
 - wherein the corner regions are formed with separate sheet metal sheets that are welded to the respective sidewalls,
 - wherein the sidewalls have a thinner cross section than the corner regions, and
 - wherein the ~~sidewalls~~ corner regions include positioning locations for cylinder attachment points.
2. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 1, wherein at least the lower flange is positioned between the corner regions, so as to be essentially flush with the respective corner regions.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 1, wherein the corner regions include a reducing cross-sectional area.

5. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 4, wherein the reducing cross-sectional area faces the respective sidewall.
6. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 4, wherein the reducing cross-sectional area ends flush with an inside contour of the respective sidewall.
7. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 4, wherein the reducing cross-sectional area ends flush with an outside contour of the respective sidewall.
8. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 4, wherein the reducing cross-sectional area converges towards an inside and outside contour of the respective sidewall.
9. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, wherein the corner region includes a contour connected to the upper flange and which accommodates, ~~directly or indirectly,~~ the cylinder attachment points.
10. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 1, further comprising a connection element welded on an exposed end region of the profile and comprising a hollow-box design, wherein a cross-section of the connection element is adapted to a cross-section of the exposed end region.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a welded profile for fitting a digger with a backhoe bucket or loading shovel, comprising:
 - welding sidewalls to upper and lower reinforced-profile corner regions;
 - inserting and welding a lower flange between the lower reinforced-profile corner regions;
 - inserting and welding an upper flange between the upper reinforced-profile corner regions; and
 - forming a contour of the welded profile so that the corner regions comprise integrated regions for the cylinder attachment points.
12. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 11, wherein the sidewalls and the corner regions are shaped to match a contour of a connected boom or arm.
13. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 11, wherein contours of the corner regions on the lower flange comprise integrated regions for the cylinder attachment points.
14. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 11, including forming the corner regions with higher reinforcement than the sidewalls and with reducing cross-sectional areas that are fixed to the respective sidewall.
15. (Previously Presented) The profile as defined in claim 1, wherein the corner regions are connected by welding to the respective upper flange and lower flange.